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Applicant : Daniel G. Stearns et al. Docket No.: CIL-10703
Serial No.: 09/669,390 Group Art Unit: 1756
Filed : September 26, 2000 Examiner: S. Rosasco
For : Repair Of Localized Defects In
Multilayer-Coated Reticle Blanks
For Extreme Ultraviolet Lithography

RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following remarks in response to the Office Action mailed

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